GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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e-Visa
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries whose citizens have been provided e-visa facility on arrival in India;

(b) whether this facility has helped in increasing the number of foreign tourists in the country;

(c) whether Indian citizens have also been provided the same facility on reciprocal basis; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) : e-Visa facility is available to nationals of 162 countries as per the statement attached.

(b) to (d): 11.8 lakh e-visas were issued in 2016 as against 5.16 lakh e-visas in 2015. In 2017, more than 9 lakh e-visas have so far been issued. While many countries have extended e-visa facility to Indian nationals, e-visa facility is granted on consideration of reciprocity, security and national interest.

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